

Bibliographical Society of Canada

Bulletin No. 4

More than fifty members and guests attended the fourth annual meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada on Tuesday, June 13th, at the Mount Royal Hotel in Montreal during the sessions of the Canadian Library Association. The meeting took the form of a luncheon and was presided over by Dr. Fred Landon, of the University of Western Ontario at London. Reports of the past year were received, new officers elected and an inspiring address given by Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist. Dr. Lamb had already spoken earlier in the day to the members of the Canadian Library Association on the work of the National Library Committee but had graciously consented to speak also to the Bibliographical Society on some special aspects of his work.

The president's annual report drew attention to the publication program which had been carried forward during the year, Nos. 3 and 4 of the Reprint Series having appeared and been distributed to members, as also a bibliography of the writings of Raymond Knister compiled by Miss Margaret Ray, of Victoria College Library. Reprint No. 4, The Manuscript Book of Oliver Goldsmith, had been provided for the Society through the good interest of Dr. Lorne Pierce, one of the founders of the Society. President Landon expressed the hope that the Reprint Series would be continued until every province of the Dominion was represented by an issue. He also expressed his thanks to the members of the Executive, particularly to Miss Donalda Putnam, secretary, and Dr. W. Stewart Wallace, vice-president. The work laid upon Miss Putnam had been heavy but she had met every call upon her time with cheerfulness and interest.

Dr. Lamb expressed the hope that the work of the Bibliographical Society and the work of his own Bibliographical Centre might be closely linked, to the advantage of both. He drew attention to a number of bibliographical efforts listed in a recent bulletin of this Society which he thought should be pushed to completion and others of a similar nature undertaken. He promised full co-operation with the Society and expressed the hope that it would go on to even larger efforts in the matter of publication. He commended heartily the program that had been inaugurated in the Reprint Series. These pamphlets would, he believed, become in some instances collectors' items at no distant date.

The report of the treasurer showed that the year began with a balance of \$258.07. Receipts during the year amounted to \$275.08 and expenses, including publication, were \$132.25. Thus the year ended with a balance on hand of \$400.90.

Dr. Victor Morin presented the report of the nominating committee, which, being adopted without amendment, brought the following into office:

President, Rev. A. M. Morisset
1st vice-president, Dr. W. Stewart Wallace
2nd vice-president, Dr. W. Kaye Lamb
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Donalda Putnam, 28 Balmoral Avenue, Toronto

New Councillors: Miss Marie Tremaine and Dr. James J. Talman

Councillors continuing in office: H. P. Gundy, R. - P. F. Guilbault,
Miss Juliette Chabot and Miss Marjorie Sherlock.

Rev. A. M. Morisset, the new president of the Society, is librarian of the University of Ottawa and has taken an active interest in library and bibliographical activities. Dr. Wallace has been elected as President of the Canadian Library Association for the coming year.

May we once again remind our members to send in their annual dues to the Secretary, Miss Donalda Putnam, 28 Balmoral Avenue, Toronto. The fee for individual members is two dollars and for institutional members it is five dollars. As this is our main source of revenue it is essential that memberships be maintained if publication is to be continued, and we do think that our members are anxious to see this Society go on to more ambitious efforts. Send in your membership fee at once.

Since our last bulletin was issued members will have received No. 4 of the Reprint Series, being The Manuscript Book of Oliver Goldsmith with an excellent introduction by Mr. E. Cockburn Kyte. This is an issue which we believe will yet be sought after by collectors as it is not likely to appear in any other form. For this rare item we are indebted, as above stated, to Dr. Pierce.

If any of our members have suggestions of rare Canadian items that might be included in this reprint series, write to the president or secretary. We have now produced pamphlets from Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and New Brunswick. We have yet to produce similar items from the other six provinces.

Following the annual meeting, at which he relinquished office as President, Dr. Landon very kindly prepared and had mimeographed the enclosed report of the meeting, as his final bulletin to the members.